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AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 13 with the following paragraph:

Q1 The lid 14 is a removable, non-threaded structure having an exterior surface 32, an interior surface 34 and a very high axial strength. By "very high axial strength," it is meant that the lid 14 can withstand axial forces of at least about 1000 x g, preferably at least about 4000 x g, and most preferably 5000 x g, applied to the exterior surface 32 of the lid 14. The lid 14 is sized and dimensioned to cover the top opening 22 so as to seal the interior chamber 20 of the container 12.

In the Claims:

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1. A centrifuge labware device comprising:
 - (a) a container having very high axial strength, the container comprising a bottom wall and one or more substantially vertical sidewalls, the bottom wall and the one or more side walls cooperating to define an interior chamber having an interior chamber cross-sectional area, the container having a top opening with a first transverse axis and a second transverse axis substantially perpendicular to the first transverse axis, each transverse axis being at least about 9 cm in length, the top opening defining a top opening open area which is at least about 90% of the interior chamber cross-sectional area; and
 - (b) a removable non-threaded lid having an exterior surface, an interior surface and a very high axial strength, the lid being sized and dimensioned to cover the top opening so as to seal the interior chamber.